



# Senator Wilton Simpson

*October Update*

Senate District 18

Good afternoon,

It is hard to believe that two years have already passed since I was first elected to the Senate. In these two years, we have made some great progress in creating jobs, protecting our environment, and cutting back onerous government red tape. I have also enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many great people, and make new friends from all corners of Senate District 18. I look forward to serving you for another four years, and I'm committed to continuing the job to ensure that Florida, our home, has a government that is responsible, accountable, and beneficial to its taxpayers.



*In July, I was surprised by Ann Marie and the kind folks from Summertree in my New Port Richey office to celebrate the passage of the Consumer Water Protection Act.*

With fall approaching, we are working hard on next year's legislative priorities. Below you will find a few updates, as well as the dates and information for our upcoming local legislative delegation meetings. As always, I would like to encourage you to reach out to the great staff in my legislative offices if there are any ways that we may assist you.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wilton Simpson".

- Wilton Simpson

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## **Report Shows Natural Gas Vehicle Incentives Create 1,820 New Jobs: \$68 Million in Wages**

Tallahassee, Fla. — Senator Simpson (R-Trilby) is proud to join the Florida Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition (FNGVC) to announce that his 2013 legislation that created the natural gas vehicle incentive program has produced 1,820 jobs and \$68 million in wages in the state of Florida.

“This economic report shows how successful Florida’s Natural Gas Vehicle Rebate program has been. This fuel provides significant budget savings to governmental entities, the business world, and our citizens,” said Senator Simpson. “Natural gas has been a game changer for Florida and the United States, not only for motor vehicles but for the energy sector, commercial businesses, and the manufacturing industry. I’m proud to have sponsored this legislation in the Florida Senate.”

Prior to the 2013 legislation, there were 18 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations in Florida. There are now 61 active CNG fueling stations with an additional 29 planned. This is a 238% increase in CNG fueling stations over two years. The report notes that a CNG station costs on average \$1.5 million; meaning investment in CNG station infrastructure has been \$91.5 million over the past two years. Since January 1, 2014, the State of Florida has spent \$4.7 million in rebates issued under the Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate program. Using the RIMS II multipliers established by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the state’s \$4.7 million investment has generated a total economic output of \$204.5 million, 1,820 jobs, and \$68.0 million in earnings—an outstanding return on investment.

The FNGVC includes food and beverage distributors, natural gas fueling station builders, public utilities and others. The Economist Hank Fishkind of Fishkind & Associates supplied the figures for this follow-up analysis of a 2012 report his firm conducted for the coalition. This study can be found on the coalition website along with a list of members and participants: [www.fuelforjobs.com](http://www.fuelforjobs.com).

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## Upcoming Local Legislative Delegation Meetings Information

Our legislative delegations from Pasco, Hernando, and Sumter Counties will each be meeting this winter in preparation for next year's Legislative Session. Below are the details for each meeting, and contact information for if you would like to attend.

County	Date	Address	Contact
Sumter	12/01/2014 9:30AM - 11:00AM	Sumter County Governmental Complex 7375 Powell Road Wildwood, FL 34785	Senator Alan Hays (352) 360-6739
Hernando	12/02/2014 9:00 AM - 12:00PM	Hernando County Government Center 20 North Main Street Brooksville, FL	Rep. Jimmie Smith (352) 560-6020
Pasco	12/03/2014 1:00PM - 5:00PM	TBA	Senator John Legg (813) 909-9919

If you have any questions, or are in need of more information, please contact my office.

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